

Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee; Aircraft Certification Procedures Subcommittee; International Certification Procedures Harmonization Working Group

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of establishment of the International Certification Procedures Working Group.

SUMMARY: Notice is given of the establishment of the International Certification Procedures Working Group by the Aircraft Certification Procedures Subcommittee. This notice informs the public of the activities of the Aircraft Certification Procedures Subcommittee of the Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) established an Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee (56 FR 2190, January 22, 1991) which held its first meeting on May 23, 1991 (56 FR 20492, May 3, 1991). The Aircraft Certification Procedures Subcommittee was established subsequently meeting to provide advice and recommendations to the Director, Aircraft Certification Service, FAA, regarding the aircraft certification procedures in part 21 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (57 FR 39267; August 28, 1992).

The FAA announced at the Joint Aviation Authorities (JAA)-Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Harmonization Conference in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, (June 2-5, 1992) that it would consolidate within the Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee structure an ongoing objective to "harmonize" the Joint Aviation Requirements (JAR) and the Federal Aviation Regulations (FAR). Coincident with that announcement, the FAA assigned to the Aircraft Certification Procedures Subcommittee those rulemaking projects related to international certification procedures for type certification of new and derivative aircraft which were then in the process of being coordinated between the JAA and the FAA. The Harmonization process included the intention to present the results of JAA/FAA coordination to the public in the form of either a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking or an advisory circular—an objective comparable to and compatible

with that assigned to the Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee. The Aircraft Certification Procedures Subcommittee, consequently, established the International Certification Procedures Working Group.

Specifically, the Working Group's tasks are the following: The International Certification Procedures Working Group is charged with making recommendations to the Aircraft Certification Procedures Subcommittee concerning the FAA disposition of the following rulemaking subject recently coordinated between the JAA and the FAA:

The International Certification Procedures Working Group is charged with making recommendations to the Aircraft Certification Procedures Subcommittee concerning the FAA disposition of rulemaking subjects recently coordinated between the JAA and the FAA concerning the type certification procedures for changes to aeronautical products. Specifically, considering factors such as safety benefits, resources, and service experience, the working group should address the following issues:

1. Can later revisions of the airworthiness standards be used for the certification basis of changes to aeronautical products?
2. Can later revisions of the airworthiness standards be incorporated into the existing fleet?
3. Can new revisions of the airworthiness standards be incorporated into aeronautical products in production and in operation, as well as in new designs?

Reports: A. Recommend time line(s) for completion of the task, including rationale, for Subcommittee consideration at the meeting of the subcommittee held following publication of this notice.

B. Give a detailed conceptual presentation on the task to the Subcommittee before proceeding with the work stated under item C through E, below.

C. Draft a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking for the tasks proposing new or revised requirements, a supporting economic analysis, and other required analysis.

D. Draft an advisory circular to provide guidance complementing the rules proposed in the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, and any other collateral documents the working group determines to be needed.

E. Recommend a training syllabus for FAA employees charged with administering the rule, including videotapes and other training support.

F. Give a status report on the task at each meeting of the Subcommittee.

The International Certification Procedures Working Group will be comprised of experts from those organizations having an interest in the task assigned to it. A working group member need not necessarily be a representative of one of the organizations of the parent Aircraft Certification Procedures Subcommittee or of the full Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee. An individual who has expertise in the subject matter and wishes to become a member of the working group should write the person listed under the caption **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** expressing that desire, describing his or her interest in the task, and the expertise he or she would bring to the working group. The request will be reviewed with the subcommittee chair and working group leader, and the individual advised whether or not the request can be accommodated.

The Secretary of Transportation has determined that the information and use of the Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee and its subcommittees are necessary in the public interest in connection with the performance of duties imposed on the FAA by law. Meetings of the full committee and any subcommittees will be open to the public, except as authorized by section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. Meetings of the International Certification Procedures Working Group will not be open to the public, except to the extent that individuals with an interest and expertise are selected to participate. No public announcement of working group meetings will be made.

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